

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 584
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. William L. "Billy"
Bone of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the death of William L. "Billy" Bone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Gallatin, Mr. Bone lived his entire life on the family farm where he was born in 1910; and

WHEREAS, the quintessential "pillar of the community," Mr. Bone was a voice of integrity and a highly respected member of the Gallatin community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gallatin High School, Billy Bone worked at General Shoe Co. and Wade Motors in Gallatin before beginning his illustrious career in banking at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bone also served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Bank of Gallatin, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after stepping down as the bank's Chairman, Mr. Bone remained on the board of directors of the Bank of Gallatin, in addition to rendering astute service on the Sumner County Hospital Commission; and

WHEREAS, he began his distinguished tenure on the commission in 1959, when construction of Sumner Memorial Hospital, now Sumner Regional Hospital, began; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bone personified the kind of "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" life described in Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*; his son, Charles Bone, commented, "He got no further than high school, lived through the Depression, fought in the war, and worked his way up in business to become chairman of the bank"; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mr. Bone was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, where he had served faithfully for the past 20 years as deacon; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bone was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Nokes Moss Bone and was the proud parent of Charles Bone; he will be sorely missed by his six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bone leaves this world behind for a far better one, where he will join his daughter, Lucy Bone Orgain, who preceded him in death last year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. William L. "Billy" Bone, reflecting fondly upon

his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Bone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.